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For: Human Endometrial Specific Steroid-  
Binding Factor I, II and III

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**  
**AND STATEMENTS UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.825(a) and (b)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examining the captioned application, Applicants respectfully request the entry of the following amendment. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) a Fee Transmittal Sheet together with the appropriate fee; (b) a Version With Markings to Show Changes Made; (c) an Information Disclosure Statement and revised Form PTO/SB/08; and (d) Submission of Formal Drawings and accompanying six (6) sheets of Formal Drawings depicting Figures 1-9. Please amend the application as follows.

***In the Specification:***

**Page 1, immediately after the title, please insert following new paragraph:**

-- This application is a divisional and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to Application Serial No. 09/583,169, filed May 30, 2000, which is a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/263,810, filed March 8, 1999 (now issued Patent No. US 6,174,992 B1), which is a divisional of Application Serial No. 08/821,451, filed March 21,

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